

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Compositions and methods for the prevention and treatment of nephropathy, including hypertensive and diabetic nephropathy, and nephropathy associated with insulin resistance and metabolic syndrome are described. Compositions of the  
5 invention include a compound that binds to a receptor for the glucagon like peptide-1, an incretin, a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), an exendin, or an analog (including an agonist analog), derivative, or variant of any of them.